

Substitute House bill No. 392, "An act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Camp county the criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to it under the Constitution and general statutes of the State of Texas, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

House bill No. 525, "An act to amend section 11 of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and to fix the times for holding courts therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883."

Respectfully,

A. D. SADLER,
Chief Clerk House Representatives.

(The President in the chair.)

Senator Kilgore entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass House bill No. 105 (the Val Verde county bill.)

The minority (favorable) report was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

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| Bell, | Garrison, | Shannon, |
| Calhoun, | Hall, | Terrell, |
| Davis, | Knittel, | Traylor, |
| Evans, | Perry, | Woods. |
| Fowler, | Randolph, | |

NAYS—12.

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| Farrar, | Houston of Bexar, | Kilgore, |
| Getzendaner, | Houston of Wheeler, | Pfeuffer, |
| Glasscock, | Jerdone, | Pope, |
| Harrison, | Jones, | Stinson. |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Camp.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

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| Bell, | Garrison, | Shannon, |
| Calhoun, | Harrison, | Terrell, |
| Davis, | Knittel, | Traylor, |
| Evans, | Perry, | Woods. |
| Fowler, | Randolph, | |

NAYS—12.

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| Farrar, | Houston of Bexar, | Kilgore, |
| Getzendaner, | Houston of Wheeler, | Pfeuffer, |
| Glasscock | Jerdone, | Pope, |
| Hall, | Jones, | Stinson. |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Camp.

On motion of Senator Traylor,

Senate bill No. 264, "An act to restore the jurisdiction of the county court of Bosque county, and repeal all laws in conflict therewith," was taken up out of its regular order and read the second time with committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Traylor,

The committee substitute was adopted.

Senator Pfeuffer moved to amend by adding after "Bosque," "Llano county," and amend the caption of the bill to conform.

Adopted, and

The bill was ordered engrossed.

The following House bills were referred:

Substitute House bill No. 392 was referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 525 was referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

House bill No. 79 was referred to Committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Senator Houston of Wheeler,

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday morning.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 16, 1885. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Stinson,

The reading of the journal of Saturday was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Hall:

Petition protesting against the use of convict labor in the completion of the new State Capitol.

Referred to Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Bell:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 16, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 47, being "An act to repeal articles 2812, 2813, 2814, 2815, 2816, 2817, 2818, 2819, 2820, 2821, 2822 and 2823 of the Revised Statutes, and to provide for the performance of the duties required by law of the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History," and find the same correctly engrossed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 16, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared committee substitute for Senate bill No. 264, being "An act to restore the jurisdiction of the county courts of Bosque and Llano counties, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith," and find the same correctly engrossed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, Chairman.

By Senator Fowler:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 16, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 538, entitled "An act to amend section 25 of 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and fix the times for holding the courts therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

1. After the words "imperative public necessity," in section 2, insert the words "and emergency."
2. Add to section 2 the words, "and it is so enacted."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Houston of Wheeler:

"An act reorganizing the thirtieth and thirty-first judicial districts, and to create the thirty-ninth judi-

cial district; to fix the times for holding courts therein, and to provide for the appointment and election of judges and district attorneys in said districts."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

On motion of Senator Terrell,

Senator Camp was excused indefinitely, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Shannon,

Senator Perry was excused for the day.

On motion of Senator Hall,

Senator Jones was excused indefinitely.

On motion of Senator Pope,

The special order was postponed and Senate bill No. 254, "An act requiring the Attorney-General to institute legal proceedings against corporations within this State in violation of section 5, article 10 of the Constitution," was taken up out of its regular order and read the second time.

The committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Pope offered to amend the caption and bill so as to add section 6 of article 10 of the Constitution.

Adopted.

Senator Pope offered the following amendment:

Whereas, There are corporations in this State violating said sections of said article, and there being no law instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against them, and no appropriation to employ assistant counsel and collect evidence in the prosecutions herein provided for, therefore an imperative public necessity and emergency exists that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that this act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Adopted, and the bill was ordered engrossed.

Senator Pope moved to suspend the constitutional rule and place the bill on its third reading.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—18.

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| Bell, | Glasscock, | Knittel, |
| Davis, | Harrison, | Pope, |
| Evans, | Houston of Bexar, | Randolph, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Wheeler, | Stinson, |
| Fowler, | Jerdone, | Traylor, |
| Garrison, | Kilgore, | Woods. |

NAYS—6.

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| Calhoun, | Hall, | Shannon, |
| Getzendaner, | Pfeuffer, | Terrell. |

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, March 16, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

I am instructed to report to your honorable body the passage of House bill No. 501, "An act to amend section 9 of an act to re-district the State into judicial districts, and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884," passed at the regular session of the Eighteenth Legislature.

Respectfully,

A. D. SADLER,

Chief Clerk House Representatives.

House bill No. 501 was referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senator Harrison entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 163, "An act to provide for the appointment of official stenographers for the district courts of the State of Texas," was lost, by the adoption of the unfavorable majority committee report.

Senate bill No. 267, "An act to authorize the State Capitol Board to contract for the substitution of granite for limestone in the construction of the exterior walls of the superstructure of the new State Capitol, and for other changes therein, and to conform all laws thereto, and to make an appropriation for the contingent expenses connected therewith, and to authorize the payment for such change to be made to the contractor in convict labor," was laid before the Senate as the first special order, and

Read the second time.

Senator Stinson offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out sections 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Lost.

Senator Traylor offered the following amendment:

Add section 2, and conform the numbers of the other sections thereto.

Sec. 2. No changes shall be made in any provisions of the present contract for building the Capitol, nor shall any extension of time for its construction be allowed under the provisions of this bill, nor shall any change in the contract made by the agents of the State be legal until the securities on the bond of the contractors shall file with the Governor of the State, duly authenticated and signed, an agreement that such change or extension of time shall not operate to release or affect the obligation of the securities for the faithful performance and completion of the work by the contractors.

Adopted.

Senator Fowler offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1 by inserting between the words "empowered" and "to," in line 5, the words "in their discretion," and amend caption to correspond.

Adopted.

Senator Pfeuffer offered the following amendment:

Add after section 2, in line 2, page 2:

Provided, the cost of such change shall not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, and said convict labor be furnished at no less rate than the same has been furnished railroad companies; and provided further, that said convict labor shall not be used outside the quarries, except for the construction of a railroad and transporting of the granite to the capitol grounds.

Senator Glasscock moved to amend the amendment by striking out all of the amendment limiting the cost of the change to six hundred thousand dollars.

The amendment to the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

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| Bell, | Hall, | Shannon, |
| Calhoun, | Houston of Bexar, | Terrell, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Traylor, |
| Getzendaner, | Jerdone, | Woods. |
| Glasscock, | Knittel, | |

NAYS—10.

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| Davis, | Harrison, | Pope, |
| Evans, | Kilgore, | Randolph, |
| Farrar, | Pfeuffer, | Stinson. |
| Garrison, | | |

Senator Getzendaner called for a division of the amendment of Senator Pfeuffer.

The first division—that relating to rate of convict labor—was lost, the President voting "nay," by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

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| Calhoun, | Garrison, | Pfeuffer, |
| Davis, | Hall, | Pope, |
| Evans, | Harrison, | Randolph, |
| Farrar, | Kilgore, | Stinson. |

NAYS—12.

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| Bell, | Houston of Bexar, | Shannon, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Terrell, |
| Getzendaner, | Jerdone, | Traylor, |
| Glasscock, | Knittel, | Woods. |

The second division was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—10.

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| Davis, | Harrison, | Pope, |
| Garrison, | Jerdone, | Randolph, |
| Getzendaner, | Pfeuffer, | Stinson. |
| Hall, | | |

NAYS—14.

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| Bell, | Glasscock, | Shannon, |
| Calhoun, | Houston of Bexar, | Terrell, |
| Evans, | Houston of Wheeler, | Traylor, |
| Farrar, | Kilgore, | Woods. |
| Fowler, | Knittel, | |

Senator Garrison offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding at the end of section 1 the following:
 Provided, that no such substitution or change shall be made at any additional cost to the State either in money or convict labor, but only for a further extension of time for the completion thereof.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—8.

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| Davis, | Garrison, | Randolph, |
| Evans, | Harrison, | Stinson. |
| Farrar, | Kilgore, | |

NAYS—14.

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| Bell, | Houston of Bexar, | Shannon, |
| Calhoun, | Houston of Wheeler, | Terrell, |
| Fowler, | Jerdone, | Traylor, |
| Getzendaner, | Knittel, | Woods. |
| Glasscock, | Pfeuffer, | |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Hall, Pope.

Senator Harrison moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Senator Stinson was lost.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—6.

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| Davis, | Garrison, | Pfeuffer, |
| Evans, | Harrison, | Stinson, |

NAYS—15.

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| Bell, | Glasscock, | Knittel, |
| Calhoun, | Houston of Bexar, | Shannon, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Wheeler, | Terrell, |
| Fowler, | Jerdone, | Traylor, |
| Getzendaner, | Kilgore, | Woods. |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Hall, Pope.

Paired—Senators Jones and Randolph. The former would have voted "nay," the latter "yea."

Senator Stinson moved a call of the Senate.

Call sustained.

Senate roll called.

Senators Hall and Pope were found absent without excuse.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched to bring in the absent Senators, and

The pending business went to the table

On motion of Senator Calhoun,

The Senate adjourned till 3 o'clock this afternoon, the President voting "aye," by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

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| Calhoun, | Garrison, | Randolph, |
| Davis, | Getzendaner, | Stinson. |
| Evans, | Harrison, | Traylor. |
| Farrar, | Pfeuffer, | |

NAYS—11

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| Bell, | Houston of Wheeler, | Shannon, |
| Fowler, | Jerdone, | Terrell, |
| Glasscock, | Kilgore, | Woods. |
| Houston of Bexar, | Knittel, | |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Hall, Pope.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

The Senate resumed consideration of Senate bill No. 267, the pending business on adjournment.

Senator Getzendaner offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding to section 3 as follows: "Provided, the convict labor shall not be used or employed within or about the Capitol grounds, in the city of Austin."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

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| Bell, | Hall, | Pope. |
| Calhoun, | Houston of Bexar, | Shannon, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Wheeler, | Terrell, |
| Getzendaner, | Jerdone, | Traylor, |
| Glasscock, | Knittel, | Woods. |

NAYS—9.

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| Davis, | Garrison, | Pfeuffer, |
| Evans, | Harrison, | Randolph, |
| Fowler, | Kilgore, | Stinson. |

Senator Calhoun offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1 by adding thereto the following: "Provided, the time for the completion thereof shall in no wise be extended to a later date than January 1, 1890."

Senator Terrell moved to amend the amendment by striking out "1890" and inserting "1888."

Withdrawn.

Senator Shannon moved to amend by inserting "1889," in lieu of "1890."

Accepted.

Senator Stinson offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Add to section 1: "Provided, said time shall not be extended beyond the first of January, 1888."

Senator Houston of Wheeler moved the previous question on the amendments and the engrossment of the bill.

Previous question seconded and main question ordered.

The substitute of Senator Stinson was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

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| Davis, | Harrison, | Pope. |
| Evans, | Kilgore, | Randolph, |
| Garrison, | Knittel, | Stinson. |
| Hall, | Pfeuffer, | |

NAYS—12.

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| Bell, | Getzendaner, | Shannon, |
| Calhoun, | Glasscock, | Terrell, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Bexar, | Traylor, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Woods. |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

Senator Calhoun withdrew his amendment.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

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| Bell, | Getzendaner, | Knittel, |
| Calhoun, | Glasscock, | Shannon, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Bexar, | Terrell, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Traylor. |

NAYS—10.

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| Davis, | Harrison, | Pope, |
| Evans, | Kilgore, | Stinson, |
| Garrison, | Pfeuffer, | Woods. |
| Hall, | | |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

Paired—Senators Jones and Randolph. The former would have voted "yea," the latter "nay."

Senator Shannon sent up the following privileged report:

COMMITTEE ROOM.
AUSTIN, March 16, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate, and Hon. L. L. Foster, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The conference committee appointed by the two houses to consider the difference between the Senate and House of Representatives on Senate bill No. 25, entitled "An act to abolish the office of Fish Commissioner, and dispose of all fish ponds and all other property connected with or belonging to the fish department," which difference being the House amendment providing that said act shall not take effect until two years after its passage, have considered the same, and recommend that the House recede from its amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SHANNON,
GETZENDANER,
EVANS,
For the Senate,
STERLE,
MCKINNEY of Milam,
For the House.

On motion of Senator Shannon,

The committee report was adopted.

Senator Bell sent up the following privileged reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 16, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 269, being "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend section 16 of an act entitled an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and fix the times of holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884, approved April 9, 1883,' approved January 30, 1884," and find the same correctly engrossed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 16, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 209, being "An act for the relief of the railway companies," and find the same correctly engrossed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, Chairman.

Senate bill No. 44, "An act to provide for the investment of the permanent school fund," was laid before the Senate in its regular order.

Read the third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 47, "An act to repeal articles 2812, 2813, 2814, 2815, 2816, 2817, 2818, 2819, 2820, 2821, 2822 and 2823 of the Revised Statutes, and to provide for the performance of the duties required by law of the Commissioner of Insurance Statistics and History," was laid before the Senate in its regular order, and

Passed by the following vote, the President voting "yea:"

YEAS—12.

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| Bell, | Fowler, | Terrell, |
| Calhoun, | Garrison, | Traylor, |
| Davis, | Randolph, | Woods, |
| Evans, | Shannon, | Mr. President. |

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| Farrar, | Harrison, | Pfeuffer, |
| Getzendaner, | Houston of Bexar, | Pope, |
| Glasscock, | Kilgore, | Stinson. |
| Hall, | Knittel, | |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Houston of Wheeler, Jerdone.

Senate bill No. 169, "An act to provide for the separation of partition or adjoining fences, and to prescribe a penalty for a violation of the provisions of this act," was laid before the Senate in its regular order,

Read the third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 209, "An act to preserve the charters of railroad companies that by reason of the financial condition of the country have not constructed the number of miles of road annually required by law, and to prevent the forfeiture thereof," was laid before the Senate in its regular order

Read the third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

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| Bell, | Glasscock, | Pfeuffer, |
| Calhoun, | Hall, | Pope, |
| Evans, | Harrison, | Randolph, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Bexar, | Shannon, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Terrell, |
| Garrison, | Kilgore, | Traylor, |
| Getzendaner, | Knittel, | Woods. |

NAYS—1.

Stinson.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Davis.

Jerdone.

Senate bill No. 264, "An act to restore the jurisdiction of the county courts of Bosque and Llano counties, and repeal all laws in conflict therewith," was laid before the Senate in its regular order,

Read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Getzendaner,

Senate bill No. 241, "An act making appropriations for certain deficiencies, was taken up out of its regular order and read the second time.

Senator Getzendaner offered the following amendment:

Add section 2:

Sec. 2. The near approach of the end of the session, and the volume of business to be considered, and the fact that the money due these veterans should be paid, creates an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and it is so suspended.

dopted, and

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Getzendaner,

The constitutional rule was suspended, and

The bill was placed on its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

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| Bell, | Glasscock, | Pope, |
| Calhoun, | Hall, | Randolph, |
| Davis, | Houston of Bexar, | Shannon, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Wheeler, | Stinson, |
| Fowler, | Kilgore, | Terrell, |
| Harrison, | Knittel, | Traylor, |
| Getzendaner, | Pfeuffer, | Woods. |

NAYS—none.

ABSENT NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

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| Bell, | Glasscock, | Pope, |
| Calhoun, | Hall, | Randolph, |
| Davis, | Houston of Bexar, | Shannon, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Wheeler, | Stinson, |
| Fowler, | Kilgore, | Terrell, |
| Harrison, | Knittel, | Traylor, |
| Getzendaner, | Pfeuffer, | Woods. |

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

On motion of Senator Bell, Senator Harrison was excused from voting on the bill, he having relations interested in the appropriation.

On motion of Senator Garrison, Senate bill No. 184, "An act to dispose of the vacant lands of the State," was taken up out of its regular order and read the second time, with committee substitute.

(Senator Kilgore in the chair.)

The committee substitute was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

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| Bell, | Houston of Bexar, | Shannon, |
| Calhoun, | Kilgore, | Terrell, |
| Glasscock, | Knittel, | Traylor. |
| Hall, | Pope, | |

NAYS—12.

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| Davis, | Garrison, | Pfeuffer, |
| Evans, | Getzendaner, | Randolph, |
| Farrar, | Harrison, | Stinson, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Woods. |

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

Senator Harrison offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding the following proviso: "Provided, nothing herein shall prevent any valid and unsatisfied veteran and confederate land certificate from being located and patented upon any land that was vacant and unappropriated at the date of their issuance."

Senator Davis moved to amend the amendment by adding, after the word "unappropriated," the words "and not reserved."

Senator Traylor offered the following substitute for the amendments:

Provided, all unsatisfied veteran and confederate certificates may be located on any of the unlocated reserved lands in the Texas and Pacific Railroad reserve, or on any unlocated land set aside by act of July 14, 1879, to pay the public debt, provided the location is made within the next six months.

The substitute was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—13.

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| Bell, | Hall, | Stinson, |
| Calhoun, | Knittel, | Terrell, |
| Farrar, | Pope, | Traylor, |
| Garrison, | Shannon, | Woods. |
| Glasscock, | | |

NAYS—11.

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| Davis, | Harrison, | Kilgore, |
| Evans, | Houston of Bexar, | Pfeuffer, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Randolph, |
| Getzendaner, | Jerdone, | |

The amendment as substituted was adopted was by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

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| Bell, | Hall, | Stinson, |
| Calhoun, | Kilgore, | Terrell, |
| Farrar, | Knittel, | Traylor, |
| Garrison, | Pope, | Woods. |
| Glasscock, | Shannon, | |

NAYS—10.

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| Davis, | Harrison, | Jerdone, |
| Evans, | Houston of Bexar, | Pfeuffer, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Randolph, |
| Getzendaner, | | |

Senator Stinson offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the words "unlocated or unsatisfied veteran land certificates," the words "now owned and held by the original grantee, and which has never been at any time transferred to any other person."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

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| Davis, | Getzendaner, | Randolph, |
| Evans, | Hall, | Shannon, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Bexar, | Stinson, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Terrell, |
| Garrison, | Pfeuffer, | Traylor. |

NAYS—8.

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| Bell, | Jerdone, | Pope, |
| Calhoun, | Kilgore, | Woods. |
| Glasscock, | Knittel, | |

Senator Harrison was excused from voting.

Senator Houston of Wheeler offered the following amendment:

"And any transfer of such certificate, or agreement that the same shall be transferred entered into prior to the location and patenting of the same, shall vitiate it."

Adopted.

Senator Terrell moved the previous question.

Previous question seconded and

Main question ordered.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

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| Bell, | Garrison, | Randolph, |
| Davis, | Getzendaner, | Shannon, |
| Evans, | Glasscock, | Stinson, |
| Farrar, | Houston of Bexar, | Traylor, |
| Fowler, | Houston of Wheeler, | Woods. |

NAYS—6.

Calhoun,
Hall,Kilgore,
Pfeuffer,Pope,
Terrell.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone,

Knittel.

Senator Harrison was excused from voting.

On motion of Senator Fowler,

Senate bill No. 9, "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act regulating the removal of the disabilities of minors, approved March 2, 1881,'" was taken up out of its regular order and read the second time, with unfavorable committee report.

Senator Fowler offered the following substitute, entitled "An act to amend an act regulating the removal of the disabilities of minors."

On motion of Senator Fowler,

The substitute was adopted.

By leave, Senator Houston of Wheeler sent up the following bill:

"An act to establish a uniform series of text books for the public schools of the State of Texas."

Referred to Committee on Education.

Senator Pfeuffer moved to adjourn till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—6.

Davis,
Farrar,Garrison,
Getzendaner,Pfeuffer,
Traylor.

NAYS—14.

Bell,
Calhoun,
Evans,
Fowler,
Glasscock,Hall,
Houston of Bexar,
Houston of Wheeler,
Pope,
Randolph,Shannon,
Stinson,
Terrell,
Woods.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Harrison,
Jerdone,

Kilgore,

Knittel,

On motion of Senator Houston of Bexar,
The Senate adjourned till 10:05 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, March 17, 1885. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Randolph,

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Fowler:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 17, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 501, entitled "An act to amend section 9 of 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after

the first Monday in November, 1884,' passed at the regular session of the Eighteenth Legislature," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 17, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 525, entitled "An act to amend section 11 of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and fix the times for holding courts therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

By Senator Evans:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 17, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred substitute House bills Nos. 8, 34 and 70, entitled "An act to provide for the leasing and sale of the lands heretofore or that may hereafter be surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the common schools, University, the Lunatic, Blind, Deaf and Dumb and Orphan Asylum funds," have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee instruct me to report it back to the Senate, with accompanying amendments, with the recommendation that it do pass as amended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EVANS, Acting Chairman.

AMENDMENTS.

1. Amend section 2 by striking out lines 25 to 28 inclusive
2. Amend section 4 by striking out the word "by" in line 10 and insert the word "to" instead.
3. Amend section 5 by striking out all of said section after the word "act," in line 11.
4. Amend section 10 by striking out the word "for," in line 16, and insert the word "to" instead, and strike out all from the words "any person," in line 27, down to the words "other other applicants," in line 42 inclusive.
5. Amend section 13 by striking out all from the word "it," in line 31, to end of section.
6. Amend section 14 by striking out the words "field notes," in line 10, and insert the word "description" instead.
7. Amend section 16 by striking out all after the word "land," in line 12, down to and including the word "note," in line 16, and insert the words, "after he has actually occupied and improved the same for a period of three years."
8. Amend section 19 by inserting after the word "vendee," in line 11, the words, "shall immediately settle upon the land and," and insert after the word "obligations" to word "conditions."
9. Amend section 22 by striking out the words "or sold," in line 2.
10. Strike all of section 25 and number following sections accordingly.
11. Amend section 26 by inserting after the word "clerks," where it first occurs in line 4, the words "not exceeding three," and after the word "grade," in line 6, insert "to be paid out of the funds to which said lands belong, and to be equitably apportioned between the same."
12. Strike out "engrossed rider."

Add to the bill another section, as follows:

Section —. In case land belonging to the school, university or asylum fund has upon it pine or cypress timber suitable for lumber or shingles, the timber upon said land may be sold at \$5.00 per acre, cash, and the purchaser shall have ten years from the date of his purchase in which to remove the timber from such land, but no one shall be permitted to purchase the timber on less than the entire survey or section owned by said